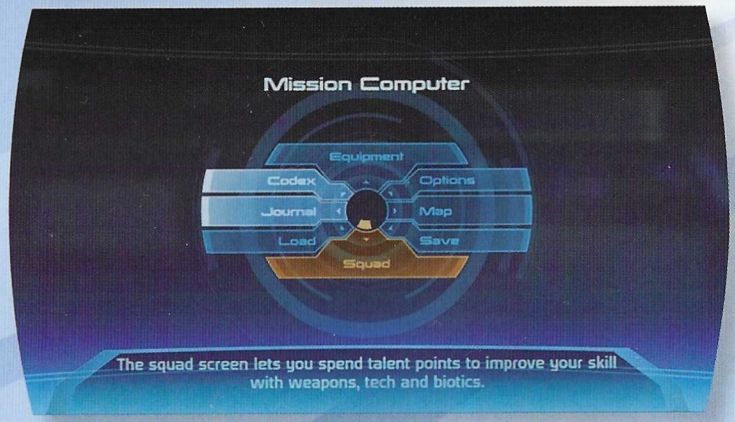
## Mission Computer

Press START to bring up the Mission Computer display. Use L to point to an area on the display, and then press A to select it. When an area receives an update it flashes on the display.

The Mission Computer lets you access game details for:

- **Equipment** – View currently equipped weapons, armor, and other items, along with options for equipping new items.
- **Options** – Set gameplay, controller, graphics, sound, and other options from here. Many of these options will affect gameplay difficulty and your visual experience; be sure to look at all the choices.
- **Map** – View your current location and points of interest.
- **Save** – Saves your game in its current state and location.
- **Squad** – View stats for you and your squad members.
- **Load** – Loads your saved and automatically saved games from here.
- **Journal** – View current and recent tasks.
- **Codex** – Learn all about the Mass Effect universe.




## Combat

Mass Effect's combat system allows for precise control and considered decision-making.

To draw your weapon, press X. To holster your weapon, press B.

To switch the weapon of any squad member, press and hold LB to browse available weapons. Use L to point to your choice, and then press A to select. Release LB to return to the game.

To use special abilities for each squad member, press and hold RB.

To choose an ability, use L to highlight it, and then press A to select. Each squad member can have a single ability activated when in this view.

(Go to "Combat Details" on page 12 to learn more.)

## Advancing Levels

### Level up

You and your squad can advance levels by accumulating XP, which you gain by overcoming enemies, using certain skills, and completing missions.

There is a single pool of XP for your entire squad. All squad actions feed into it, and all squad members level up at the same time, including those back on the Normandy and not part of the active squad.

### Level-up benefits

When your character advances to a new level, you:

1. Gain health. You can increase this amount through talents.
2. Gain Talent points. You can spend these points at any time to increase your rank.

### Auto level and undo Talent points

Press Y on the Squad screen to automatically distribute Talent points.

After spending Talent points, you can press X to undo your choices.